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1. Between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 17 February 1954, 3 x 85-mm AT gun batteries, 15 trucks, 9 prime movers and about 300 troops from the Reuss Kaserne were entrained at the Gera freight station, leaving northward at about 1 p.m.

2. On 8 February, the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz was occupied. Between 1 and 8 February, 4 trucks, 2 T-34 tanks and 1 SU-100 gun were repeatedly seen at driving practice between the trench positions, with the trenches being crossed on make-shift bridges.

3. On 6 February, the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A JS-3 tank and 1 SU-76 gun were seen in the barracks area. Intensive activity was observed in the quarters and motor vehicle sheds.

1. Comment. Elements of the 308th Arty Brig (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps presumably transferred to a training area for firing practices.

2. Comment. The Panzer Kaserne in Tinz appears to be occupied as previously by a tank training unit of the Eighth Gds Army.

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